



Delaware County Chamber of Commerce

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TESTIMONY RE: H.B. No. 2438

**Presented by
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**Presented to
The PA House of Representatives Judiciary Committee
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On behalf of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 3000 businesses in and around Delaware County, I am here today to support the passage of H.B. 2438, International Commercial Arbitration.

Recently, the Government Affairs Council of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, unanimously voted to support passage of H.B. 2438.

Our committee and our Board recognizes the great opportunities to increase business, thorough international trade. Ninety percent of our members are small businesses employing 100 or less employees. They don't have the resources of some of our much larger businesses have to

develop international business and deal with the problems that sometimes arise during international commerce.

The more barriers to successful international trade that can be removed or soften will help provide more impetus for small businesses to look at international trade to expand or start their business.

Passage of H.B. 2438 will help provide a more timely and cost effective way to address commerce dispute resolution, through arbitration.

We encourage your active support of H.B. 2438.